

MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION FUNDING

**Local Committee for Mole Valley
24 September 2003**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider further bids against the Members' Local Allocation

SUMMARY:

Members are asked to consider two bids, totalling £3,000, and to note the approval of two further bids that fell below the £500 threshold agreed in July 2002.

To date, and including those itemised in this report, £24,489 of the £107,100 fund has been approved.

A further 9 bids are currently being reviewed and an additional paper will be circulated at the meeting for all, or most, of these to be considered. The total value of these bids is £36,605, which, if approved, would bring the total commitment to date to £61,094, or 57% of the available funding.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee

- (i) Approves the two bids in paragraphs 1 and 2**
- (ii) Notes the £962 already approved on two bids under the £500 threshold, as set out in Paragraph 3**

OUTLINE OF BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Youth vehicle equipment - £2,000 (Proposed by Hazel Watson)

To cover the costs of core equipment to enable the mobile youth vehicle to deliver a viable service. The equipment will enable the vehicle to offer a wider range of information and activities to young people than is currently possible. The funding will provide IT and audio visual facilities for those using the vehicle, for both entertainment and information purposes. The Local Committee made a substantial contribution last year towards the purchase of this vehicle.

Recommendation: That the Committee approves the two bids, with a combined value of £3,000.

2. Charlwood disabled access ramp - £1,000 (Proposed by Helyn Clack)

To install a disabled access ramp at the Charlwood Pavilion. At present access to the hall is difficult for people with disabilities. The benefits for people with disabilities are self-evident but this will also help the Parish Council to meet its obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act. A quotation of £3,447 has been received. MVDC has pledged £350 and the Parish Council is providing some of its own funding

3. Bids under £500

Two bids that fall below the £500 threshold agreed in July 2002 have already been agreed:

- £462 contribution towards the costs of a young people's drama group from Bookham entering their own play "Hard to Swallow", which deals with anorexia, to the National Association of Clubs for Young People Music Dance and Drama festival in Blackpool this November (Proposed by Jim Smith)
- £500 to Brockham Wheels 4 U to help launch the Wheels 4 U voluntary scheme which will respond to an identified need in Brockham (Proposed by Helyn Clack)

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to note the approval of these two bids, totalling £962.

4. Current position

With these bids included, the total amount spent of the £107,100 available to the Local Committee this year, will be £24,489. To date funding has been allocated to projects supporting several fields of activity, including Adult and Community Care, Children and Schools, Lifelong Learning and Young People

A total of 9 other bids are currently undergoing an initial review by the Committee Members and those that are agreed as meeting the criteria for allocation will be presented for approval at the meeting. These 9 total £36,605 and would bring the total spend to £61,094 – 57% of the fund.

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